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The federal government should back off the case against Microsoft. Microsoft has successfully standardized the industry for operating systems which has allowed the unparalleled growth in technology.

I remember when Macintosh was competing with Windows. Though Macintosh was a better product (and I'm a 10 share Microsoft shareholder), Windows won. That was probably the best thing to happen to the computer industry.

Microsoft may have made some minor mistakes, but nothing that would justify a large settlement of such a magnitude.

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